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What Should CODOH Do?

by Germar Rudolf

As CODOH enters a new phase in its history, it is time to take stock. Because even for us at CODOH it is true that those who control the past, control the present, and those who control the present, control the future. So, first we, the team of Trustees and volunteers at CODOH, are trying to capitalize on the past—CODOH's past. Some of us have been with CODOH for many years, others are rather new to the team. Bradley, of course, saw it all, but every human memory is finite, and when you're part of a system that's been operating for decades, it's easy to lose the larger perspective on things.

I became aware of this while working on our project to get all old issues of *Smith's Report* online. It's a shame that this was not done years ago. And it's not just about getting some old, yellowed newsletters posted. What is spelled out in those newsletters is the history of CODOH, of the Campus Project, of Bradley's life's work.

I realized that as I was going through one issue after the other (as I write this, I'm up to *SR* #40). I have to read them all, every single article, because when they are posted into the CODOH library, they each have to be put into their proper subject category, depending on what they are about. We have another volunteer who cleans up scannin errors and puts the proper HTML codes in place, but then it still needs fine-tuning and most of all, categorizing.

One thing I realized is that CODOH became really big when David Cole did his video on Auschwitz in 1993. This joint venture gave Bradley and his Campus Project a huge thrust into the public eye, into mainstream media. The ADL, the *New York Times*, Hillel, and, yes, Deborah Lipstadt, piled onto Bradley's juggernaut, slowly but surely bringing his efforts to raise public awareness about Holocaust revisionism down to a slow crawl.

What I also realized is that Bradley's initial success was met by the Dark Side of the Force with an unsurvivable barrage of counterpropaganda. Few may have been aware of CODOH, but undoubtedly many, many millions have been affected in the years and decades since by the massive propaganda effort to brainwash one upcoming generation af-

Reorganizing CODOH

Hurray, we did it! CODOH is now officially a Charitable Trust, has its own Tax ID, a new postal address, a new bank account, and even a real phone number. And it wasn't impeded by anything Bradley Smith or his stepdaughter did or did not do, as stated in the last Editorial, but rather by one of the Trustees misplacing a document. My apologies to all concerned!

The next step is to put something into the Trust. One donor helped us already by putting a generous amount into our bank account in order to get things started. Bradley Smith just put into the Trust the copyrights to the various names involved, as well as the contents connected to it: CODOH, Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, codoh.com, *Smith's Report*, to name the most important. Richard Widmann already put *Inconvenient History* into the pot by adopting CODOH as its new publisher, and now even Castle Hill Publishers is considering joining the fray.

Bradley has taken a big step here, because it might cut the funding for him and his family. Hence we will keep asking you to help him out, too. Also, the Trust will pay him for his contributions and expenses, because he's back and working on his various projects again, as best he can. Thank God!

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ter another into being unwilling to accept other views, and to condemn those questioning the West's Central Taboo.

Here is the gist of it. In *SR* #20 Smith wrote about the effect his Campus Project's ad campaign had at the University of Miami:

"So I scribble a text for a modest ad, back it with $288, then Ziff [Jewish magnate] *sweetens the pot with a couple million and presto, five new Holocaust courses at UM that weren't there before and a new Jewish folk hero. What's the World Jewish Congress and the rest of that gang complaining about? It might never have happened without me!"*

Three issues later, a reader commented succinctly:

"You brilliantly turned defeat into a joke. From a historical perspective, and objectively and heartlessly, you should be lynched by revisionists. They returned your ad money to you, $288, and you generated $2,000,000 in research and educational funds for exterminationists. […] *Instead, this ad will, for decades, create new exterminationists backed by the Ziff millions."*

What if that reader is right? What if the bickering we revisionists do has merely served the Holocaust Industry as a pretext to rev up its propaganda and fundraising machines, merely making it and the Jewish lobby grow faster and bigger? What if we merely help the beast to get more powerful and more dangerous? What if every little success we have is outdone by the Lobby a thousand-fold, turning success into defeat?

If that were so, shouldn't we stop doing what we have been doing the past 25 years? Would that amount to saying, "Okay, you win," and we then roll over and play (and are) dead?

Nah. That's not us.

But it may be time to sit back and think things over.

Fact is that we are involved in a propaganda war. We may score a few points here and there, but realistically speaking we are so ridiculously outgunned—each of our dollars is met with a million of theirs—that the question really arises: should we even *try* to do propaganda?

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I'm sawing on the branch CODOH is sitting on, no doubt. But maybe CODOH should move to another branch. Or are we just in the same spot where Bradley has been for the past 25 years? He was running CODOH in a way that made the media pay attention—usually in a very negative way, but "there's no such thing as bad press." Creating tempests in the media teapot in turn made Bradley's work look important and impactful to his supporters and the "movement" in general—that is: to you, dear reader. It made his support money flow. It has kept the butter on his bread for the past 25 years. So no matter what the impact—whether for better or for worse—he had to keep doing it.

That's no longer the case, though. CODOH is now free of the need of having to feed a family. So let's free our minds as well and take a deep, serious, long look at CODOH's, even at revisionism's, historical record. Let's figure out what advanced the cause, what just made noise to no lasting good effect, and what actually even backfired, and then let's try to learn a lesson from it all. That's what history is for: to teach us (all) a lesson or two, which we then apply to the present in order to create a better future. Right?

So, should we keep trying to compete through the mass media, against the deep-pocket propaganda machinery of the Industry? Should we carry on email-bombing mostly hostile recipients, hoping for some Big Bang to get some publicity from?

Or should we change our focus to something more subtle, more long-term, more strategic in nature?

Or maybe both?

I'm not going to make any suggestions here. Even though I have my own opinion about it, I'd rather not divulge it just yet, because it might influence you. I prefer your uninfluenced opinion.

So please be so kind as to take the time to think it over and write us a note—or an essay—to feedback@codoh.com. If you do not want it published in *SR*, please say so, but in case you think that's OK, please indicate if we may credit you by name.

Whatever the outcome, we, the CODOH team, are ready to press the reset button, reboot the system from the bottom up, and make a fresh start.

One thing I can already say now, though: in-fighting does NOT work. That brings me to another topic which popped up repeatedly when going through old issues of *SR*. As some may remember, in 1993 a major conflict arose between the staff of the IHR and its founder Willis Carto. Bradley Smith and CODOH got drawn into that conflict, taking sides as Bradley saw fit back then. I have always tried to stay out of it and focus on producing quality work and cooperating with everyone I could productively work with. There may have been a legally Right and a Wrong in that conflict, but there has also always been a morally Right and Wrong, and looking back at the historical record of both sides involved, those Rights and Wrongs aren't necessarily the same.

Since we are currently posting all the individual articles which ever appeared in *SR*, those dealing with the Carto/IHR conflict are also among them. When I talked to Bradley about it a few weeks ago, he was convinced that not so much of it is to be found in *SR*. Well, that's relative. It's rather too much for my taste. It goes without saying that I feel very uncomfortable posting those vitriolic exchanges of the past. I'd prefer letting old wounds heal. Still, I do post it all, as we won't censor our own stuff, but I introduce each of these items with an appropriate editorial comment.

Having said this, CODOH will cooperate with anyone who will work with us productively, and who can help the cause of furthering free speech where it's most threatened. In this case, we are willing to cooperate with both *The Barnes Review* (a Willis Carto creation) and the Institute for Historical Review.

We all need to start looking forward, not backward, and make the most of what we have.

How the Holocaust Claims Fresh Victims—Today

by Jett Rucker

General Electric used to promote its consumer products[1] as "The Gift That Keeps on Giving." In the present day, that historical confabulation packaged under the name of "The Holocaust" (capital letters, please) continues to *take* victims, even if it does not often, as alleged by the promoters of the traditional horror story, actually kill them. In the present day, the Holocaust continues to claim victims, like an avenging ghost that will never die. Of course, the avenging monster is no ghost at all, but living, breathing people who had not even been born by the time the Holocaust ended. They have their incentives, of course, and in no case are their incentives properly described as anything in any way humanistic. Those incentives, I will skip over here; they are copiously documented elsewhere, including in *Smith's Report*. Rather, I should like to categorize who the victims are, how they are victimized and, to the extent possible, why. I intend to proceed in order of obviousness, rather than in order of numbers of victims or the degree (severity) of their victimization.

First, the enemies. I use the plural since even the enemies seem to fall into at least two categories. The first category of enemy is those whom the Holocaust promoters happen to be combating over matters relating directly to the promoters' agenda, rather than to the Holocaust itself. As for these enemies, if the promoters were the biblical hero Sampson, the Holocaust would be the ass's jawbone with which he slew them in multitudes. These victims are today chiefly Arabs (and Iranians), but they also include Germans—that is, the people who live in Germany, which includes some of the children and grandchildren of the people who are charged with having committed the Holocaust. While many Germans may have been gulled into some feelings of "guilt" concerning the alleged events, Arabs as a group remain firmly on the other side of the guilt divide; they feel the guilt is the monopoly of the Jews/Israelis. But both groups are victimized, the Germans in retrospect, and the Arabs in prospect. Every fresh atrocity Israel commits is justified as a measure intended to "prevent a second Holocaust." The Germans daily offer up reparation payments and submarines as atonement, while the Arabs/Muslims sustain attacks not only from/by Israel, but by its vast and powerful amen chorus in what is called the West, reaching at least

from Berlin to San Francisco.

The second class of enemies is far smaller, and more-focused. These are those, such as Bradley Smith, whom they smear with the pejorative "Holocaust denier." You may be one, and if you are, you are a criminal under Israeli law, no matter where or when you might have committed your particular crime(s). While few killings of "deniers" have as yet been adduced, assaults on such as Robert Faurisson of France are well documented, and jail sentences for us/them abound. Wolfgang Fröhlich may recently have set the record for years of incarceration for Holocaust denial, as a recent sentencing for crimes committed while in jail pushed his cumulative sentence out to 14 years. Persons deemed guilty of this crime (Israel claims global jurisdiction in this matter) sustain professional and financial penalties as well, such as the denial of credit-card-merchant services to historian David Irving, initiated by emphatically Jewish New York Assemblyman Dov Hikind in 2010 under color of his being an elected official in the American governmental apparatus.

There were, at last count, 19 whole *countries* in which "wrong" descriptions of the acts of Germans and their allies during World War II are punishable with fines and imprisonment. In most countries, this works out to proscriptions against saying just about anything thoughtful about the German occupiers of late memory and/or their victims, particularly Jews. But in Germany and Austria, where these strictures are enforced even more-vigorously than other places, the injury to freedom of thought and expression is compounded by insult to the nation(s) itself and even to the ancestors of the people themselves, assuming these also were Germans (often not the case, nowadays). The denizens of these still-defeated-after-seventy-years countries suffer not only under a suffocating cloud of guilt that will not dissipate, and continue ever since 1952 to bear the cost of reparations payments to millions of "survivors" of their forebears' evil-doing, but are further gagged from open, honest discussion of the motivating narratives for all this in such a grotesque trammeling of human rights that one could wonder whether the victors of World War II were "the good guys" after all.

The entire world figures into the second major category of Holocaust victims, particularly taxpayers in the United States and other countries involved in financing military confrontations outside their own borders. It is well-known that the US provides at least $3 billion per year in tax revenues to Israel in the form of economic and military aid. Other "rich" countries—that is, countries rich in influential members of the Jewish Diaspora—no doubt provide lesser amounts proportionate to their respective economic bases. Just as the mere millions provided each year by the government to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum is a pittance compared to the taxpayer aid to Israel from the US, that $3 billion figure is itself but the tip of an enormous iceberg. Even the sanctions of these many years imposed on Iran have imposed a cost not just on Iran, but on those in the US and other participating countries who otherwise would have traded with—and profited from—the large and productive economy of Iran, the bête noir of Israeli Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu. Not yet mentioned in this calculus of costs is the cost to US taxpayers of appeasing neighboring powers such as Egypt with yet more economic and military aid, and the cost to the taxpayers of Iran (remember the Iranians?) and other neighbors of Israel of maintaining a defensive infrastructure that might at the very least shield innocent civilians from the ravaging of Israel and/or its American satrap upon that ill-starred country as threatened on practically a daily basis from Jerusalem.

There remains, among all the peoples and groups of the world, one further group of victims, who are subject to all the victimization cataloged above, but who yet remain subject to *further* victimization on the basis of who they are. Here, I am speaking of *the* Jews. The Jews, wherever they are, including—very much including—those in Israel. The Jews, as the group I here refer to, are at least as innocent as the Americans, the Arabs/Muslims, the Germans, of foisting the Holocaust legacy upon a guilt-prone world. To point out those among them who *are* guilty, I could use the term "Zionists," but that does not really capture all those who profit, in one way and another, from the dynamics of a *movement*, which I could call a Jewish movement, but for which I will here let the term "Zionist" serve, with the understanding that the usage is not literal, but instead refers to those who profit from setting people who identify as Jews against many, or most, of the people around them who do not identify as Jews.

As in cases above, these victims sort out into at least two different subcategories: the faithful, and the resisters. Both are victims. As for the faithful, they have, in consequence of indoctrination that they have been subject to virtually since birth, incorporated for purposes of their own identification that fable of victimization with the resounding

name, and so are rendered socially "sensitive" to any sort of remark concerning history that any reasonable person in their society might happen to make upon one occasion or another. They become marked as "sensitive," usually through no fault of their own, and become subject to a subtle, likely subconscious, sort of ostracism that leaves them on the margins of the society in which they might otherwise become full participants. We all, Jews and Gentiles alike, know people like this, and we do *not* dislike them. Rather, we are *careful* about them. They might get left out of something or other; who knows? We also suffer for their loss to our society.

Some of the others are aware of the Holocaust albatross that hangs around their necks. They might or might not take any pains to make their associates aware that they want no part of the undying enterprise, but they are at some level aware of it, and might in subtle, subconscious ways occasionally let it influence them to downplay their ethnic/religious origins. Where this happens, it impoverishes all of us, not just them. The religious/ethnic/linguistic traditions that we each embody, and present to the world as parts of our very selves, are our very humanness. Where we are in any way moved to conceal these, or misrepresent them, we betray ourselves, along with, perhaps passively, deceiving our confreres.

Promotion and perpetuation of the Holocaust Narrative, particularly of the exaggerated, blame-casting version that tragically prevails today, is a cancerous agent in the body of today's increasingly global humanity.

Resist it in yourself, and to the extent you can contrive to do so in a sociable way, oppose and discourage it.

[1] GE recently sold off its famous consumer-goods divisions after many decades, to Black & Decker, Electrolux and others.

Irving v. Lipstadt Trial for Movie Theaters, Part II

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Re: The movie *Denial* and the historical facts of the Irving Trial

Hello Ms. Thompson and Mr. Gooder:

Two months ago, I e-mailed you a letter regarding factual and personal aspects of Deborah Lipstadt's book, *History on Trial;* Lipstadt's account of her long vendetta with author David Irving, which culminated in a defamation action. The action was tried in a London court in 2000 before Judge Charles Gray. My first letter discussed how Irving pulled defeat from the jaws of victory when he failed to focus on actual defamations of him spread by Lipstadt. Instead, Irving made his entire career and personal life the object of this litigation. He single-handedly took on the defendants' small army of barristers, attorneys, and expert witnesses, and ended up being crushed.

Since your company, Cornerstone Films, is promoting the movie *Denial,* which is based on *History on Trial*, and since *Denial* is supposed to be "a powerful story about the legal and personal battle Deborah Lipstadt fought to defend the veracity of historical facts," I wished to send a follow-up letter discussing the historical facts at issue at the trial.

Lipstadt and her supporters have loudly proclaimed that the trial "proved the Holocaust." That is not accurate. Judge Gray specifically stated:

"It is no part of my function to attempt to make findings as to what actually happened during the Nazi regime."

Irving opened the case telling the court:

"I have never held myself out to be a Holocaust expert, nor have I written books about what is now called the Holocaust."

The case is better described as a wide-ranging questioning of Irving's competence as a historian; an ex-post-facto effort to substantiate Lipstadt's claim that Irving had falsified the historical record.

Judge Gray broke the alleged falsification of historical facts into 4 elements:

"(a) 19 specific individual criticisms of Irving's historiography…; (b) his portrayal of Hitler… (c) his claims in relation to Auschwitz (d) the bombing of Dresden."

However, it is worth noting that it emerged at the trial that Irving had made a major contribution to Holocaust research.

The Hitler Order

From the time of the Nuremberg Tribunal, most interpretations of the Holocaust claimed that Hitler had given an order for the mass murder of all Jews, and he directly planned and organized a secret program of mass murder. This is the now-defunct Intentionalist Theory. David Irving's cardinal role in sinking this theory emerged during his cross-examination of defense expert witness, Christopher Browning.

Trial Transcript-[Professor Christopher Robert Browning]

"I would say that there had been substantial study of the Holocaust; the Trunk book, in terms of the Jewish Council's, Hilberg in terms of the apparatus, Schloenus in terms of the pre-Holocaust bureaucratic process. What had not been studied before you published was a particular focus on decision-making process and Hitler's role. That is one part and, in so far as we can confine ourselves to that, indeed, your publication of Hitler's War *was the impetus for the research in that area."*

Even Holocaust doyen Raul Hilberg has been forced to change his view.

Q. [Mr Irving] *Do you know what his* [Hilberg's] *opinion is on whether Adolf Hitler actually issued an order or not?*

A. [Professor Christopher Robert Browning] *I think his feeling is if you are looking for an order in a formal sense, that such a thing probably was not given."*

It was not acknowledged during the trial that Irving had made one of the most-notable breakthroughs in Holocaust research.

19 Criticisms

Richard J. Evans, a British history professor, was hired to justify Lipstadt's comment that Irving, "falsified history." Evans and his team spent two years examining Irving's books, papers, personal papers and speeches in painful detail and presented a 740-page "Report" for the defense. He came up with 19 possible errors. Judge Gray discussed the faults of Irving at length. The alleged distortions related to Irving's presentation of the following events:

1. Hitler's trial in 1924,
2. Crime statistics for Berlin in 1930,
3. The events of *Kristallnacht*,
4. The aftermath of *Kristallnacht*,
5. The expulsion of Jews from Berlin in 1941 (based on *Hitler's War*, 1977 edition)
6. Himmler's log for 1 December 1941,
7. The shooting of the Jews in Riga,
8. Hitler's views on the Jewish question,
9. The timing of the "final solution" to the Jewish question: the Schlegelberger note,
10. Goebbels's diary entry for 27 March 1942,
11. Himmler minute of 22 Sept. 1942,
12. Himmler's note for this meeting with Hitler on 10 December 1942,
13. Hitler's meetings with Antonescu and Horthy in April 1943,
14. The deportation of the Roman Jews in October 1943,
15. Himmler's speeches of 6 October 1943 and 5 and 24 May 1944,
16. Hitler's speech on 26 May 1944,
17. Ribbentrop's testimony from his cell at Nuremberg,
18. Marie Vaillant-Couturier testimony,
19. Kurt Aumeier testimony,

German Secret Code

Evans's critique often relied on the claim that the Germans used a "secret code" in their communications. In the trial Evans stated:

"Every time there is an euphemism, Mr. Irving... or a camouflage piece of statement or language about Madagascar, you want to treat it as the literal truth, because it serves your purpose of trying to exculpate Hitler."

As Judge Gray wrote:

"Much of the argument revolved around questions of translation. I did not derive much assistance from the debate as to how words such as ausrotten, vernichten, abschaffen, umsiedeln and abtransportieren are to be translated."

Irving Ought to Have Appreciated…

What Judge Gray did fault Irving for was his trusting German sources too much and not trusting contrary stories enough. An example is Gray's criticism of Irving's portrayal of Hitler's role in the 1923 *Putsch*:

"Irving ought to have appreciated that Hofmann's allegiance to Hitler rendered his testimony untrustworthy".

Regarding Irving's reporting of Berlin crime statistics:

"[Irving] *chose to cite, without qualification, the claim made by Daluege, a committed Nazi, that in 1930 a strikingly large proportion of the offences of fraud were committed by Jews. Daluege's enthusiastic membership of the Nazi party together with his activities on the Eastern front during the war should have led Irving to doubt any pronouncement of his affecting the Jews."*

And regarding *Kristallnacht* and the testimony of Bruckner, Schaub, von Below, Hederich and Futkammer:

"...in my view he ought to have approached their accounts with considerable scepticism…"

On the other hand, Gray had great faith in what he called "Vaillant-Couturier's vivid, detailed and credible evidence about the women's camp at Auschwitz." Of course Vaillant-Couturier was in Birkenau and her testimony was that:

"[W]*e saw the unsealing of the cars and the soldiers letting men, women, and children out of them…. To render their welcome more pleasant at this time—June to July 1944—an orchestra composed of internees, all young and pretty girls dressed in little white blouses and navy blue skirts, played during the selection, at the arrival of the trains, gay tunes such as "The Merry Widow," the "Barcarolle" from "The Tales of Hoffman," and so forth. They were then informed that this was a labor camp, and since they were not brought into the camp they saw only the small platform surrounded by flowering plants."*

Gray did admit, in the face of numerous examples presented by Irving:

"The possibility exists that some of these witnesses invented some or even all of the experiences which they describe."

However, he still ruled against Irving.

Context

Judge Gray also ruled against Irving on the basic of "context." Regarding the Schlegelberger note:

"I consider that, in the light of all the surrounding circumstances and in the light of subsequent events, it is (to put it no higher) very doubtful if the Schlegelberger note is evidence of a wish on the part of Hitler to postpone the Jewish question until after the war,…

Irving's perception of the importance of the note appears to take no account of the mass murder of the Jews which took place soon afterwards."

Likewise Gray ruled that Irving's claim was in error that Hitler's 1943 intervention regarding Roman Jews was for their benefit:

"…the Roman Jews were sent to the notorious concentration camp at Mauthausen where they were at the mercy of the SS. I also take the view that it was a culpable omission on Irving's part not to inform his readers that these Jews were ultimately murdered."

His Portrayal of Hitler

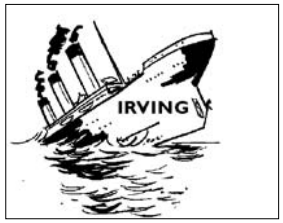
Much of the trial revolved around Irving's claims that Adolf Hitler was "a friend to the Jews." This was a non-starter with Judge Gray. He wrote:

"Irving's submissions on this topic appear to me to have a distinct air of unreality about them."

There were discussions if Hitler's private chauffeur was Jewish, or whether Hitler was kept in ignorance of the manner in which Heydrich and Himmler were setting about solving the Jewish question. Ultimately, Judge Grey found "that Hitler was rabidly anti-semitic from the earliest days… He spoke, in his famous speech of 30 January 1939 and on other occasions, in the most sinister and menacing terms of the fate which awaited the Jews."

The Bombing of Dresden

The issue of the bombing of Dresden related to various statements Irving made regarding the number of deaths in the 1945 bombing in public speeches and in Irving's book *The Destruction of Dresde*n, published in 1963. The defense claimed Irving overstated the death toll in the bombing, and attacked Irving's reliance on the *Tagesbefehl* No. 47, a German document on the number of casualties caused by the Dresden bombing. Gray found that Irving should have been more suspicious of the document.



Auschwitz

The issue that attracted the most attention were comments made by Irving, "namely that no gas chambers were commissioned or operated at the camp and that in consequence no Jew lost his or her life in gas chambers there." Defendants claimed that "that almost one million Jews were put to death in the gas chambers of Auschwitz" and that "500,000 Jews were killed in morgue 1 of crematorium 2" *i.e.* in one particular room.

The defendants hired Dr. Robert Jan Van Pelt, a professor of architecture, as their expert on the functioning of the eight alleged gas chambers at Auschwitz. (There were also numerous rooms for clothing fumigation at Auschwitz and Birkenau.)

Simply put, Van Pelt testified that Morgue 1 of Crematorium 2 could have been used as a gas chamber. It was here that Irving was overwhelmed. He raised only two objections to Van Pelt's testimony about Crematorium 2, and nothing about any of the other "gas chambers." It was a very poor performance.

(*to be continued…*)

Revisionist Persecution and Prosecution

14 Years' Imprisonment for Wolfgang Fröhlich in Austria

by Roberto Hernandez

In Europe, Holocaust denial is illegal in 14 nations. The broad definition for Holocaust denial for these laws is the denial of the systematic genocidal killing of millions of ethnic minorities in Europe (including Jews) by Nazi Germany in the 1930s and 1940s.

That kills any possibility of free analysis outside the orthodoxy of the Shoah narrative. There is no doubt, according to the legal definition, that the orthodox narrative of the gas chambers and the horrific deaths of six million Jews are absolutely incontestable. All is true. If you dare to go into this "solved" historical problem with a Descartian attitude, that is, to allow doubt to filter into the narrative, to question purported facts, to do your own research on matters that are supposed to be unquestionable, then you will have to face the Law, at least if you announced your findings to be known by others, as one might any scientific research outcome in this era. Legislation protects this historical narrative and will not allow any scrutiny by any scientific methods. Austria is among those fourteen nations in Europe which punish the "doubters."

In Austria, the curtailment of free expression and the blow to liberty started with the *Verbotsgesetz* 1947 Act (Prohibition Act 1947) , the first legislation in this country which had the aims to dismantle any organizations of National Socialists and prohibited any of these political groups to exist or reassemble. Needless to say, regardless of your political position, this was a strong violation of human rights. But in 1992 the *Verbotsgesetz* was amended. This amendment to the *Verbotsgesetz* enacts further the prohibition of Holocaust Denial as well as the deliberate minimization of any Nazi atrocities. Also, upon this amendment, the Austrian Supreme Court stated that any reasoning or argumentation concerning the Nazi genocide and the Nazi crimes against humanity is not admissible evidence in court… so there is no chance of making a case in court, in Austrian territory, that there are some pretty interesting and unsolved problems in the orthodox Holocaust historiography—or using these arguments for your own defense in a trial, had you been accused of Holocaust denial—just as is today.

One well-known figure who has contested the Shoah narrative and has been punished for it, in Austria, is the Austrian engineer Wolfgang Fröhlich. Among his credentials is to be a specialist in constructing gas chambers for pest control and exterminating microbes.

Among other activities, he participated in a 1998 Swiss trial as an expert witness for the defense in the Jürgen Graf/Gerhard Förster trial. In this trial, Fröhlich's brief introduction noted that his fields of expertise were process engineering and gas applications. He told the court that he had carried out numerous gassings to exterminate pests and infectious microbes. Apparently, instead of these credentials helping the defense and positioning him as a key expert on this subject, they created a real problem for him. The court did not like what he had to say about the impossibility of mass gassing as it is told it happened to millions in the incontestable Holocaust narrative. Here I reproduce part of his dialogue with the prosecutor at this trial in 1998 in a Swiss Court:

– Aufdenblatten (Prosecutor): *"In your opinion were mass gassings with Zyklon B technically possible?"*

– Fröhlich: *"No."*

– Aufdenblatten: *"Why not?"*

– Froehlich: *"The pesticide Zyklon B is hydrocyanic acid absorbed in a granular-shaped carrier substance. It is released through contact with the air. The boiling point of hydrocyanic acid is 25.7 degrees* [Celsius]. *The higher the temperature, the more rapid is the rate of evaporation. The delousing chambers in which Zyklon B was used in NS* [German wartime] *camps and elsewhere were heated to 30 degrees and higher, so that the hydrocyanic acid would be released rapidly from the carrier granules. However, in the half-underground mortuaries of the Auschwitz-Birkenau crematories, where witnesses claim that mass killings with Zyklon B took place, the temperatures were very much lower. Even if one allows for the warming of the spaces by the body warmth of the hypothetical prisoners, the temperature would not have been more than 15 degrees, even in summer time. Consequently, it would have taken many hours for the hydrocyanic acid to evaporate.*

"According to eyewitness reports, the victims died very quickly. The witnesses mention time frames of 'instantaneous' to '15 minutes.' To be able to kill the gas chamber prisoners in such a short time, the Germans would have had to use ridiculously large amounts of Zyklon—I estimate from 40 to 50 kilograms for each gassing. This would have made any work in the gas chamber fundamentally impossible. The special-detachment [Sonderkommando] *people, whom the witnesses say were assigned the task of clearing out* [dead bodies] *from them* [the gas chambers], *would have collapsed immediately upon entering the rooms, even if they were wearing gas masks. Enormous amounts of hydrocyanic acid would have streamed out into the open, and would have poisoned the entire camp."*

(For further inquiry into this trial consult *The Journal of Historical Review*, vol. 17, no. 4 (July/August 1998; codoh.com/node/2756)

The Prosecutor not only did not like what Froehlich had said in court, he also threatened him with prosecution.

In 2001 after the publication of his 368-page book *Die Gaskammer-Lüge* (*The Gas-Chamber Lie*) he had all the attention of the Austrian authorities. On 21 June 2003 he was arrested in Vienna, and in September 2003 he was sentenced to three years in prison, two of which were suspended, for violating the *Verbotsgesetz*.

In June 2005, he was indicted for sending 800 CDs titled *Gaskammerschwindel* (*Gas-Chamber Hoax*) to individuals across the whole spectrum of Austrian society, and was re-incarcerated on August 29, 2005. Judge Claudia Bandion-Ortner subsequently sentencing him to two years in prison and revoked the suspension of the previous sentence, hence Fröhlich had to serve "only" 19 months.

In December 2006, shortly after his release from prison, Fröhlich participated in the first Holocaust conference in Tehran, but in spite of complaints to the authorities, he was not prosecuted.

Indomitable Dipl.-Ing. Wolfgang Fröhlich

In August 2007, however, during his probation period, he called upon a member of parliament and the provincial governors to abolish the *Verbotsgesetz*. For this and for his "Holocaust denial" he was sentenced by Judge Martina Spreitzer-Kropiunik at the Vienna Regional Court for Criminal Matters, on January 14, 2008, to four years in prison plus 29 months from the revoked probation, a total of 6 years and 4 months. His appeal was dismissed.

Austrian courts are less "tolerant" than German courts on the violation of its statutes on Holocaust denial. Austria, with its *Verbotsgesetz* law, is perhaps the worst country in which to doubt the orthodox narrative of the Holocaust and seek historical truth and accuracy, outside the religious myth and taboo that protects the Holocaust as a whole, as one would think is imperative in a modern democracy.

By 2010, Fröhlich, 59, had already served a total of six and a half years in prison. But while still in prison, he was sentenced to two more years in prison for sending from his prison cell letters to National Council President Barbara Prammer (SPÖ), Cardinal Christoph Schönborn and others arguing that the mass extermination of Jews with Zyklon B was technically impossible, the number of victims of six millions "the most heinous fraud in the history of humanity."

This isn't the end of this terrible story, though, and with this, we come to the reason why we write about Fröhlich in the first place: On July 9, 2015, the Krems District Court under Presiding Judge Dr. Gerhard Wittmann sentenced Wolfgang Fröhlich to another 3 years in prison – half a year before he was slated to be released! This time he had been indicted by prosecutor Elisabeth Sebek for sending letters from his prison cell to the Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann as well as to other personalities and to the Austrian newsmagazine *Profil*. In

these letters, he had expressed once more his opinion that the Holocaust could not have occurred as usually asserted.

So let's make a tally:

2003: 3 years, all served
2005: 2 years, all served
2007: 4 years, all served
2010: 2 years, still serving
2015: 3 years, still serving

This is a total of 14 years in prison, and with such a record chances are slim that any part of this term will ever be suspended on probation. With that total, Fröhlich surpasses the sad record of Horst Mahler in Germany, who is still serving a cumulative prison term of 13 years and 3 months for his highly controversial but ultimately peaceful dissent (although he didn't just "deny", he also justified the 9/11 attacks on the U.S., and the Third Reich's racial and anti-Semitic measures, plus recommended repeating them in part).

Knowing Fröhlich, who gets more and more upset the more he is persecuted, he probably will never shut up and will spend the rest of his life in prison, from where he will keep writing letters that will get him in trouble.

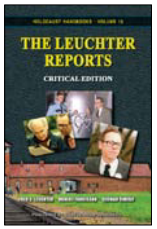
To paraphrase Robert Faurisson, putting a canary into a cage isn't going to stop it from singing its songs – maybe unless the evidently incompetent prison authorities start censoring his letters and prevent any "illegal" statements from reaching the outside world. That would keep Fröhlich out of trouble at least while he's behind bars.

Revisionist Activities

by Santiago Alvarez

Did you ever wonder what happened to Fred Leuchter after Errol Morris had done his documentary on him called *Mr. Death*? Those of our readers who have stayed on top of things will have noticed that Leuchter has been on the editorial advisory board of *Inconvenient History* for a quite a few years. Admittedly, this is more of an honorary position than a functional one. Now Fred has finally come out of hiding by giving an almost two-hour interview to Jim Rizoli about all the things that have happened after he was ousted due to his authoring the famous *Leuchter Report*. He also talks about how he got into that mess, and all the things that happened before, while and after he was doing his trailblazing investigations at Auschwitz etc. So don't miss watching this really informative interview: youtu.be/J7aPiYzXPMI

Speaking of whom, Castle Hill Publishers just released yet another new edition of an old revisionist classic: The ground-shaking and trailblazing *Leuchter Reports: Critical Edition*. This fourth edition contains all four Leuchter Reports, plus a new section on a more-recent investigation of the alleged Dachau gas chamber. (shop.codoh.com/book/404)

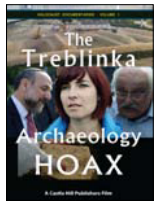


David Irving got the *Jerusalem Post's* attention this year when going on his "Aktion Reinhardt" tour (see the news item in last month's *Smith's Report*). Headlined "Holocaust denier David Irving: 'I'm not an anti-Semite, yet'," the Sept. 2 article mainly consists of an interview –

– with not much said. One might wonder why this attention? Maybe the *JPost* had trouble filling its pages, and making its readers get goose-bumps pays off somehow? (tinyurl.com/onqbolg)

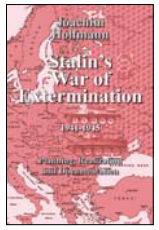
Michael Hoffman has just sent out no. 80 of his 12-page Revisionist History newsletter. It features an 8-page-long article on Gregor Strasser, the man "Hitler Had Murdered" in the summer of 1934, as Hoffman puts it; comments on Pat Buchanan's take on Pope Francis, and a brief review of J.R. Dancy's *The Myth of the Press Gang*. Back issues can be accessed here: tinyurl.com/nn8p3j4

Castle Hill Publishers released their first-ever DVD: *The Treblinka Archaeology Hoax*. This documentary by Eric Hunt has been available as a free download since early 2014. Now it can be purchased for watching on a HD TV. It comes with optional English, German, Spanish and Portuguese subtitles (amzn.com/B0151SE3OO).

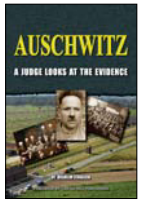


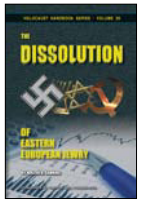
Also available from Castle Hill Publishers is the third, slightly expanded edition of Don Heddesheimer's trail-blazing book *The First Holocaust*. It features an afterword by Germar Rudolf on the book's impact on revisionist research into the six-million figure (shop.codoh.com/book/403).

Stalin's War of Extermination 1941-1945 was written by a German government historian who just prior to his retirement turned openly revisionist. The hard-cover edition of this book appeared in 2001. It is now available in an unabridged paperback edition (shop.codoh.com/book/32)



In a revisionist joint venture between The Institute for Historical Review and Castle Hill Publishers/CODOH, two revisionist classics have been put back into print: Wilhelm Stäglich's *Auschwitz: A Judge Looks into the Evidence*, and Walter Sanning's *The Dissolution of Eastern European Jewry*. The first features a foreword, the second an afterword by editor Germar Rudolf, giving updates on the issues dealt with in the books (shop.codoh.com/book/383 and shop.codoh.com/book/384). Granted, the books have been available since earlier this year, but the joint-venture aspect of it is new and newsworthy.





Vincent Reynouard, working from exile, has released eight of his video presentations with English subtitles (tinyurl.com/opyc452):

– *"Why the Germans dynamited the crematoria at Auschwitz"*
– *"Vincent Reynouard, French revisionist sentenced to 2 years in prison"*
– *"Revisionism: The Reasons for Germany's Silence"*
– *"Before Saying Goodbye"*
– *"Thank you! With you, I will continue the fight..."*
– *"Message to Jean-Marie Le Pen"*
– *"In front of historians, a few revisionists could be right"*
– *"'Holocaust': An incredible story: The Reinhardt Action"*

He has also added a number of new videos to his French YouTube Channel(tinyurl.com/omnvc7q)

Issue no. 5 (Sept.(Oct.) of *The Barnes Review* has a featured paper on "George Viereck: American Martyr" by Marc Roland. In the 1930s and '40s, Viereck was considered one of the supreme literary geniuses of US history. But then he made a mistake: he criticized FDR's interventionist military policies... On its 64 pages this magazine issue has much more to offer, though, i.a.: South Carolina Secedes; The Saga of Robert Rogers; The Germans: Eminently Tribal; Japan's Operation Balloon Bomb; Nazi Germany and the Slavs; Folke Bernadotte & the White Buses; Rothschilds Fund the Soviet Union (tinyurl.com/pjds5pm).

Richard Widmann released the Fall issue of *Inconvenient History* in early September featuring "Patrick Desbois and the 'Mass Graves' of Jews in Ukraine," by Carlo Mattogno, "Winston Churchill Discreetly Veiled, Part 2," by Ralph Raico, "The Myth of the Big Business-Nazi Axis," by Kerry R. Bolton, "War Criminals in Israel," by Jett Rucker, as well as three reviews and an editorial (tinyurl.com/psx26dv).

Fragments

The Human Face of Holocaust Revisionism

by Bradley R. Smith

*** ***Smith's Report* #2. November,** 1990. Visalia, California:

"This report informs you of what I am doing personally to promote an open debate on the Holocaust story. It does not attempt to monitor the revisionist movement."

That was 25 years ago. That's the way it's been all this time. What I am doing personally to open up the story. I did not try to monitor the revisionist movement. In the end, what has come of it? CODOH itself. There is nothing anywhere in the world to compare with our immense library of documents—all of them online and accessible to everyone. The CODOH Forum, the premier revisionist debate forum in the world. *Inconvenient History, a Quarterly Journal*, which has effectively replaced *The Journal of Historical Review*, which once represented the entire revisionist movement. And then there are 216 issues of *Smith's Report*. It all started with a six-pager in November 1990.

Now *SR* has a new publisher and a new approach to our interests. What I publish here will continue to be what I do, a substantial part of it subjective, "my own story" if you will. That's the way I began *SR*, and that's the way it's been for 25 years. Bear with me. I have my own story to tell. What's left of it. Why do I want to tell it? I have never known. I don't know now. I probably never will know.

*** **At the same time, I continue** to work online to reach out to the American public on and off the university campus. I can't do it alone. My two primary helpers, Tony and Ricardo, both live here in Mexico. A lot of stuff is getting done online that is difficult, impossible, to keep up with here. For example, SR#215 was distributed to Harvard where we have an ongoing campus project focused on Prof. Steven Pinker. The lead article in Smith's Report #215, "Being Jewish: Remembering the Holocaust" by Jett Rucker, was sent to 4,500 Harvard academics and student orgs. It also went to a 4,000-person list at USC including the Stephen Spielberg bunch, to Free Speech orgs nationwide, to Hillel, and to Muslim student orgs at universities in the US. At the same time, all these sends included a link to the entire archive of Smith's Report now published on CODOH.

SR#215 was posted on our Codoh Founder's blog and our dedicated website to our campus project: *A Light on Camps Now*. Anyone who is subscribed to our Constant Contact list got a copy of *SR* #215, and our CODOH team announced *SR* #215 on CODOH's Recent News. We did the same on Facebook where we have 4,200 followers on Smith's personal account and another 2,000 followers on our CODOH Facebook page.

Among other posts and promotions we announced the new video now available for purchase online, the *Treblinka Documentary* by Eric Hunt, now ready for an international audience with subtitles in German, Spanish, and Portuguese. We posted that on Smith's Facebook personal page and on CODOH Facebook page, a total potential outreach to 6,200 people.

Over the past days we have sent David Merlin's article on the new Deborah Lipstadt Hollywood movie to some 24,000 university email addresses in Wisconsin, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Massachusetts. Now we have a program where we can collect the emails of those who open the document or click on any of the links on our page. This is always a small percentage, but now we can create another focused mailing list of those who express some interest in the material.

We distributed the new autumn issue of *Inconvenient History* to Free Speech organizations nationwide, to our Muslim lists, to Hillel, and to various campuses as well as posting it on the Founder's blog and sending the announcement via Constant Contact.

This is a brief summary of the outreach program that goes on and will go on month after month to reach those who might have reasons to be interested in our work on the Holocaust question. I can no longer take care of all the health issues, the online work, and publish *Smith's Report* as well. That is why Germar Rudolf has taken the helm here. There could not be a better guy to do it than Germar.

*** **Nicholas writes:**

"I'm assuming you won't be able to get to our September 13 meeting in El Segundo (a Los Angeles beach suburb), but I'm wondering if you might care to provide a message to be read to the attendees concerning your decision to retire as editor of SR, what your plans are, and anything else you might wish to convey. Of course we'd like to know how you are faring generally and what you see in your future (remember Criswell's reminder that 'we are all interested in the future because that's where we're going to spend the rest of our lives')."

I responded in part with this:

"Re my future and thinking about it, as I am told Criswell suggests. I have always tended to mess around in the present—to be here now, as the saying goes. In a certain way, the future was not very much there for me. I suppose that's one reason that now I have next to nothing. At the same time, I never missed the future. It was as if the present were so full, so active, so very present, that not only nothing else was needed, there was no room in the moment for anything more.

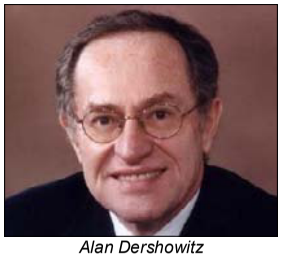
"Well, I do not expect to be with what's left of us this time. I hope it is going well for you who do make it. And for those who do not make it as well. It is probably mere coincidence, but at this moment, thinking of the room where we all pass a couple hours together three or four times a year, my throat feels the need for a cold beer.

"Maybe it's the September heat wave down here. Or maybe it really is that room up there.

"Good night to you all.

"Bradley."

*** **The entire archive of *Smith's Report*** is online for the first time. Due almost entirely to the work of Germar. There's a lot of interesting stuff in these early issues.
In issue #8 for example (1991) Alan Dershowitz is quoted (codoh.com/media/files/sr8.pdf) on the front page of *The Daily Texan* at U of Texas, Austin, saying: "Bradley Smith has no historical credibility at all and is a known anti-Semite and anti-Black racist with phony credentials." I was dismayed. "Phony credentials?" What was he talking about? I had no credentials whatever. Maybe it was a poor joke, considering the situation. But Dershowitz goes on from there, another brilliant American academic. Very interesting stories about the *Daily Texan* staff, the President of the University, local media. David Cole



Alan Dershowitz

was with me on that trip to Austin.

This is just one example of the stories you can find online now in *Smith's Report*. Much of the material illustrates the "cultural" environment that revisionism was entering, and which the Jewish lobbies had turned their attention to in the most unfavorable way, ignoring the rights to Free Speech that Harvard Professor Steven Pinker writes about so graphically. (tinyurl.com/q46pt2d)

*** **A guideline for professors** (particularly the Dershowitz people at Harvard), who leave their comments with CODOH. Please use the comments section to demonstrate your ignorance, unfamiliarity with empirical data and lack of respect for scientific knowledge. Be sure to create straw men and argue against things I have neither said nor implied. If you could repeat previously discredited memes or steer the conversation into irrelevant, off-topic discussions, it would be appreciated. Lastly, kindly forgo all civility in your discourse… you are, after all, an academic. (Thanks to Legalienate—slightly edited; legalienate.blogspot.mx.)

*** **Did War on Hitler Actually** Cause the Holocaust? This is the title of an article on the website of The Jewish Libertarian, which describes itself as where Anarcho-Capitalism and Judaism Converge. The article, by Rafi Farber, is self-reflective and intelligent, though he is discovering stuff that a lot of us here are already more than familiar with.

"Despite turning 180 degrees on almost all of my historical perspectives, there are some establishment positions that, even for me, are hard to give up. There was one major establishment position that still stuck in me like a dagger and was only loosened last week. That is, declaring and winning World War II was justified if only in order to save what was left of European Jewry.

"But then I read Ralph Raico, a libertarian historian and student of Ludwig von Mises. And he said something that totally took me for a loop. 'Churchill's refusal to listen to Hitler's peace overtures may have doomed European Jewry.' When I first read that sentence I did a double take. I didn't even understand what Raico was saying on a basic level, the thought was so foreign to me. So I read it again. And again. Was I reading this right? How can that be?

"And then I just stared into space for a minute and said to myself, 'Oh my God.'"

Farber had realized that it could have been Winston Churchill who set the Final Solution and the Holocaust in motion. That Adolf Hitler may have been only the vehicle and not the direct cause. That Winston Churchill may have been the ultimate enabler.

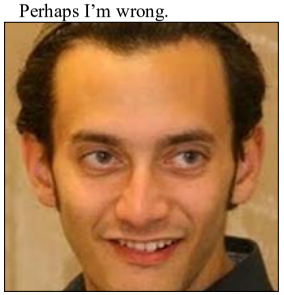
Farber, reading this, experienced a break-through moment in his understanding of how the world might work. I liked the personally revealing way he writes and thought to nudge him forward another step or two. I posted a short message on his comments page.

Bradley Smith

September 7, 2015 at 8:58 pm

Interesting article but… it appears you believe the gas-chamber stories.

Perhaps I'm wrong.



Rafi Farber

Rafi is from Miami, made Aliyah in 2007, and lives with his wife and two girls in Karnei Shomron. He writes financial content for a living.

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rafifarber

September 7, 2015 at 9:04 pm (*six minutes later*)

Wow! I actually got a Holocaust denier to comment here! That's a strange accomplishment. I am building bridges I'm not sure I even want built. Surely those who disagree with me will cite this as evidence that I have "gone too far". Yes Bradley Smith. I "believe the gas-chamber stories". I am a Jew whose extended family was murdered in the gas chambers.

And I physically visited the gas chambers and saw the 17-ton pile of human ash at Majdanek filled with my family who died there in the gas chambers that I was physically in. Those Jews who are reading this who want to know where I'm drawing the line, it's here. This guy is on the other side. Do not comment here again, Mr. Smith.

Lisa

September 7, 2015 at 9:15 pm (*11 minutes have passed*)

Please tell me you aren't surprised.

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rafifarber

September 7, 2015 at 9:27 pm (*another 12 minutes*)

Taken aback, but not shocked. Part of me has always wanted to seriously talk with one to examine them, but I don't think I can handle it emotionally.

Bradley Smith

(*The following comment is not dated because it was not posted. I have been permanently banned from The Jewish Libertarian.*)

Can you provide, with proof, the name of one person who was killed in the gas chambers of Majdanek? No? Actually, I am on your side, Rafi, particularly with re to Ron Paul and the ideals of intellectual freedom. Try to put a damper on your "emotions," an act that each of us should attempt when we find ourselves questioned. You and me, Rafi —at bottom there is not much difference. We're just folk.

As it turns out Rafi is a self-described "religious" Jew. He's all the way in. This story is developing, has already developed, but too late for this issue of *SR*.

*** **Had a bone marrow biopsy** performed at the VA. Some pain but nothing serious. All my blood levels are low. My oncologist wants to know if the cancer has gotten into the bone marrow, where blood cells are manufactured. The next stage of the treatment will depend on what they find.

In the event, it turns out that the cancer is not yet into the bone marrow. Good news.

*** **Defamation equals Hate** Speech around the world. Montana takes a step to introduce it to America. Its broad defamation statute reads in part: …"defamatory matter is anything that exposes a person or a group, class, or association to hatred, contempt, ridicule, degradation, or disgrace in society or injury to the person's or its business or occupation." And anyone who "communicates any defamatory matter to a third person without the consent of the person defamed commits the offense of criminal defamation." Angela Merkel would probably approve. forum.codoh.com/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=9770

*** **Today Paloma drove me to** the VA in Mission Valley where I had an appointment with a psychiatrist. It was because I have been using a sleeping pill for the past three or four years and my new primary-care doc thought it suspicious. In the event, Paloma was there to push the wheelchair as well. The form I was asked to fill out before I saw the psychiatrist had to do almost entirely with alcoholism. It just didn't apply to me. I told Dr. Richer that when I was in his office and he simply folded the questionnaire in half and dropped it in his wastepaper basket.

He then began asking me simple questions about my family and what I do, and we came to the point where I said I was still working as an unsuccessful literary writer. He thought that amusing and bit by bit we got into what I write, and it wasn't long before two issues were introduced into the conversation. The fact that I had come to doubt, after believing the story all my life, that the Germans used gas chambers for the mass murder of Jews. He found that very difficult to deal with. I impressed on him that there is a taboo against talking about it, and with the introduction of the word "taboo" he came around, agreeing that such thoughts are indeed taboo.

Then I introduced the subject of my most recent book, *A Personal History of Moral Decay*. He thought it was a wonderful title. He laughed. There was rather a lot of laughing as we talked. He questioned my use of the words "moral decay" to describe my own experience. I explained that the book was about my life before I discovered the gas-chamber story, and that, once I had discovered it and began to argue for a free exchange of ideas with regard to the historical question, I was condemned by all the best people everywhere as being morally corrupt.

I gave him outlines of some of the stories in the book that are hallucinogenic in nature, where I saw the Devil, where God made his presence known to me as an hourglass one time and a ball of fire another. Where I saw myself walking on the floor of the ocean amid uniquely strange sights. Again, he was laughing, asking questions. I related the incident in Korea when a Chinese infantryman came close to blowing off my right hand with a potato-masher hand grenade. He liked that story. He liked how, when the grenade landed in the dirt beside my face, the fuse smoking, I jumped off the side of the ridgeline not knowing how far the drop would be. In the event, my rifle caught in a shrub, and when I was trying to pull it down toward me the grenade exploded tearing up the hand. We had a fine exchange. In the end I asked him what he thought of such stuff. That I have been told that some of it is crazy.

It took him a moment, then he said: "There's phenomena, but no symptom."

Phenomena but no symptom! It was a concept I had never heard. I must have looked confused. There were a few moments of silence, then he said he would tell me a story. The story told of a man at the edge of a cliff being threatened by a tiger. The man jumped over the cliff and caught hold of a branch that was sticking out. Then he saw that a tiger was waiting for him below. Above him there was a tiger waiting. Below him a tiger waiting. What was he to do? At that moment he noticed a strawberry plant growing from the cliff-side. It had one very large strawberry. The man picked the strawberry and ate it. It was a juicy, delicious piece of fruit.

Dr. Richer looked at me. I looked at him.

"Bradley," he said. "You don't have to come back here for maybe six months."

I didn't say anything. The brain was in a kind of happy stasis contemplating the strawberry.

He sat back in his chair for a moment without speaking. Then he said: "You don't have to come back at all, Bradley. You're good."

As Paloma was wheeling me out I told him I would send him a copy of my book. "Don't worry," I said. "You don't have to read it."

*** **Margaret Huffstickler writes:** "I think 'Some of it happened, some of it didn't' (A line that I have at the top of my letterhead) is a wussy, counterproductive epigraph. What is 'it', anyway—the Holocaust? It didn't happen, period. This epigraph starts the publication out in a defensive posture. I wonder who came up with it; it doesn't seem like Bradley Smith's style."

Margaret: We have to agree on a definition for "Holocaust" before we say "it" happened or did not happen. There is no agreement, other than that of the True Believers. Even they have their differences. As do you and I.

*** **Hannover comments on Jett** Rucker's lead story in *SR* 215, "Being Jewish: Remembering the Holocaust."

"What's Essential to Being Jewish? As if the world didn't already know. It's no stretch to say that Judaism IS the 'holocaust'. Above all their religious relics, writings, wailing walls, stolen lands, and their violent apartheid state, etc., it's the fraud of the '6 million & gas chambers' that moves the Jewish masses."

*** **A Buddhist Argument for why** Free Speech is Fundamental. Greg Lukianoff is president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), which was founded in 1999 to defend 'freedom of speech and sanctity of conscience' on American campuses, those "essential qualities of liberty and dignity. He has written:

"I always like to put the Buddhist argument for freedom of speech. Buddhists believe life is pain and they have a point. You do someone a tremendous disservice if you teach them that pain in life is a distortion of life. Because as soon as you start

seeing hurtful things as being aberrations rather than part of normal human existence, then you start to see robust debate and disagreement as a distortion of the human experience rather than a part of the human experience. When you have students graduating from college believing that it is really, really bad if they have their feelings hurt, you are crippling them, you are preventing them from being able to deal with everyday life and debate.'"

Harvard professor Steven Pinker gave his speech titled "Why Free Speech Is Fundamental" at FIRE. (tinyurl.com/ooacgqp) We will point out here that neither Pinker nor Lukianoff has addressed the profound suffering experienced by masses of Jews when they hear questions being posed about the Holocaust. If only those who suffer so terribly would pay some attention to Buddha???

Which reminds me:

"Before enlightenment, chop wood, draw water. After enlightenment, chop wood, draw water."

Or, roughly translated:

"Before revisionism, be honest, look for truth. After revisionism, be honest, look for truth."

***** I'm being followed by the cardio** folk at the VA now. Congestive heart failure. Vascular surgery scheduled a CT scan of the throat arteries. The vascular-surgery doc, a young Chinese lady, mentioned radiation for the throat as a possibility. That was a couple weeks ago. Today I was back at the VA and was told the throat arteries have remained constant for the last two years. No emergency for the time being.

***** Rafi Farber, the Jewish** Libertarian Anarchist, writes to Smith:

"The Holocaust is a Jewish issue. It has nothing to do with you. Therefore I don't care what you say about it, as much as I don't give a crap about your personal opinion on the Machlokes Rava Abayey in the Gemara Bava Basra 65A. What's Smith's psak on the issue תושרב רוב מיברה? Does Smith hold by the Tana Kama or יארתבכ הכלה?

Rafi, caught up in his Jewishness, blindsides himself. The Holocaust narrative is not a Jewish story. It's a story about Germans and Jews together—forever. Rafi says he doesn't care what I say about the Holocaust, but he can't stand the thought of considering any question about it. He is a True Believer on the one hand, and a Taboo Artist on the other. And that, in fact, is how the received account of the Holocaust is preserved in mass media and in academia. True Belief and/or Taboo, the two faces of our finest professors and intellectual paragons.

Until next time,
Bradley

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